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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM

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1. EMBASSY CHECKED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL WITH KNUT TARALDSET SECTION CHIEF OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LEIF METELSEN, INFORMATION DIRECTOR, OF THE NORWEGIAN AID AGENCY, NORAD. THEY BOTH CATEFORICALLY DENIED THAT ANY FUNDS HAD BEEN "SET ASIDE" TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE IN DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PETROLEUM RESOURCES.

2. NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM FOR 1976 IS 50 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER (\$1EQUALS 5.5 NKR) NOT 80 MILLION NKR. 20 MILLION NKR WILL GO TO NORTH IN FISHING SECTOR AND 30 MILLION TO SOUTH, OF WHICH 25 MILLION IS FOR COMMODITY DELIVERIES-MOSTLY PAPER AND FERTILIZER; AND 5 MILLION TO A REHABILITATION CENTER JOINTLY SPONSORED BY NNRWEGIANS AND VIETNAMESE RED CORSS. ASSSISTANCE TO
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VIETNAM MAY INCREASE TO 60 MILLION NKR IN 1977, BUT

CERTAINLY NOT 80 MILLION, ACCORDING TO TARALDSET, IN
FACT, THERE IS DISCUSSION ABOUT TERMINATION NORWEGIAN
ASSISTANCE IN 1979. TARALDSET MENTIONED THAT HE KNEW
SAGA AND OTHER COMPANIES WERE INTERESTED IN FINANCING
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AREA, AND THAT
SAGA HAD DISCUSSED GENERAL VIETNAM SITUATION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE TOLD EMBASSY, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER
SAGA NOR ANY OTHER OIL COMPANY HAD REQUESTED FUNDS FOR
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA, NOR COULD HE FORESEE
ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.
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